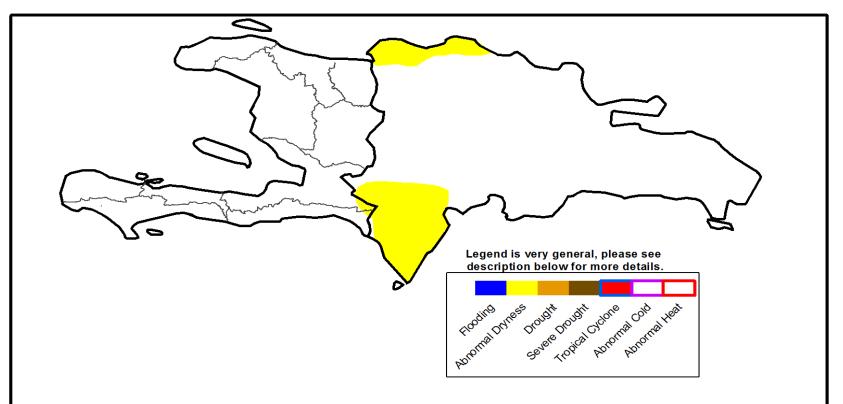


Climate Prediction Center's Hispaniola Hazards Outlook December 5 – December 11, 2013

Little to no rainfall was recorded for a third consecutive week.



In the last week of November, locally light to moderate amounts of precipitation was received across Hispaniola. The highest rainfall accumulations (5-20mm) were observed across the Gulf of Gonaives region, bringing some moisture into the coastal parts of the Artibonite, Ouest and Nippes departments of Haiti. In the Dominican Republic, light shower activity was observed near the capital region, with prevailing dryness elsewhere in the country. Since August, seasonal precipitation has been largely below average, resulting in substantial ground moisture deficits throughout northern and southern Haiti and Hispaniola. As Hispaniola rainfall in December is climatologically lighter than November, a significant increase in moisture to help alleviate ground conditions is not likely across parts in northwestern/southwestern Dominican Republic. Remotely sensed vegetation indices continue to show poor ground conditions across these areas. For the next week, light rains (<10mm) are forecast to continue across Hispaniola with only areas in northeastern Dominican Republic expected to see localized light to moderate rain showers (10-20mm).